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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0080] as follows:

[0080] The illustrated retainer 120 further comprises at least one retention surface ~~165(-)~~ 165(a), 165(b) disposed on a lower side of the inverted channel 140. The retention surface holds at least a portion of the retained medical article within the channel 140 and hence away from the patient's skin. This support can be provided by, for example, an adhesive, a region of the inverted channel which provides a degree of snap-fit with the retained medical article, two or more regions of the inverted channel which provide a degree of snap-fit with the retained medical article, or a combination of the adhesive and a region of snap-fit. The adhesive can be located on one or more surfaces of the retainer 120 that contact the medical article. For example, the adhesive could be located on the surface of the inverted channel or on an abutment. Accordingly, any one or more of these elements and structures can provide means for preventing contact between the medical article and a patient's skin.